

Northwest Gbaya language

Northwest Gbaya is a Gbaya language spoken across a broad expanse of Cameroon and the Central African Republic. The principal variety is Kara (Kàrà, Gbaya Kara), a name shared with several neighboring languages; Lay (Làì) is restricted to a small area north of Mbodomo, with a third between it and Toongo that is not named in Moñino (2010), but is influenced by the Gbaya languages to the south.

For male initiation rites, the Gbaya Kara use a language called La'bi.

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Northwest Gbaya	
Native to	Cameroon, Central African Republic
Native speakers	(65,000 in Cameroon cited 1980) ^[1] 200,000 in CAR (1996), 2,000 in Congo (1993)
Language family	Niger–Congo - Atlantic–Congo - Savannas - Gbaya - Western Northwest Gbaya
Dialects	Kàrà Làì (3rd variety)
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	gya
Glottolog	nort2775 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nort2775) ^[2]

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